

# SCORES IN MAD DASH TO ESCAPE FROM FIRE

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## WILSON GIVES WARNING WHEN AMERICAN LINER IS HELD BY MEXICANS

### Hurried Conference at White House Held While Huerta Backs Down After Morro Castle Is Detained All Night Under Guard.

## NOTICE TO FOREIGN POWERS WE WILL ACT ALONE

### United States to Insist on Restoring Order in Mexico in Its Own Way—Battleships Held Ready.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Developments in a few hours today of the relations between the United States and Mexico emphasized a grave situation more ominous than at any time since President Wilson's administration began. Absolute silence was the order in official quarters. The release of the Ward liner Morro Castle after peremptory demands by the United States terminated a delicate situation. Orders were preparation to the commanders of the American warships lying off Vera Cruz to insist on her release.

A statement was in preparation to-day by Secretary Bryan and Counselor John Bassett Moore which Secretary Bryan brought to the White House for the President's approval. No intimation as to its contents was revealed, but there was every reason to believe that before many hours had passed a notice by the United States that it will not brook European interference in Mexico by the warships despatched to Mexican waters by the various foreign governments would be proclaimed.

### WILSON TO CANCEL TRIP SOUTH.

It is understood also that the United States by that same statement will reiterate the American policy that only governments founded on constitutional law and order will be recognized on the Western Hemisphere. The situation had assumed such aspects that it was considered possible that President Wilson might cancel at the last moment his trip to Mobile, Ala. He had planned to leave early to-morrow and he went until yesterday night. There was doubt in the President's mind to-day whether he would afford to leave Washington at this time.

Chairman Bacon of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee conferred at the State Department and White House. He declared that while the United States would always like to have the approval of foreign governments in its policy toward Mexico and would always listen to suggestions, nevertheless this Government would never yield its views, because it is broader and more important moral considerations at hand in dealing with the Mexican problem than merely material interests.

### FEET OF BATTLESHIPS KEPT IN TOUCH.

The gravity of the situation, it was apparent, would be increased by the fact that Diaz taking refuge in the American consulate at Vera Cruz. The possibility that the Huerta authorities might demand his release and provoke another emergency was fully realized.

At the State Department it was said that while no instructions had been sent to American Consuls Canada at Vera Cruz to afford an asylum to Diaz, Canada's general instructions were such that he could take in the returned leader if it seemed necessary. Although in international law the American consulate has not extra-territorial rights, it was pointed out that morally the Mexican authorities would have no right to invade

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## WOMAN BATTLES WITH RESCUER TO LEAP FROM FIRE

### Crowd in West Seventy-second Street Sees Desperate Struggle at Window.

### CARRIED DOWN LADDER

### Entrapped Woman Became Hysterical and Scratched Fireman Until She Fainted.

Dense smoke arising from a fire in the cellar of the five-story studio building at No. 167 West Seventy-second street today drove the tenant on the third floor front, Mrs. Valentine M. Fisher, into hysteria. She was just about to leap from a window of her apartment to the street when a fireman broke into the room and grabbed her. The woman fought with surprising strength and agility and the fireman, Lyman Turner of Truck No. 25, was about all in when men of the same company reached him. Mrs. Fisher was carried down a ladder and attended to in the Van Dyke apartments next door.

### DOCTOR AND PATIENTS LEAVE BY FIRE ESCAPE.

The entire second floor is occupied by Dr. David Orr Edson. He and his family escaped by way of the staircase before the smoke got too thick to allow safe passage through the hall. Dr. H. J. Swoboda, who occupies the rear apartment on the third floor, escaped with his family and several patients by way of the back fire-escape. A Mrs. Heals, living in the rear apartment of the fourth floor, got out of the building by the same route. The tenant on the top floor rear was out and the front apartments on the fourth and fifth floors are vacant.

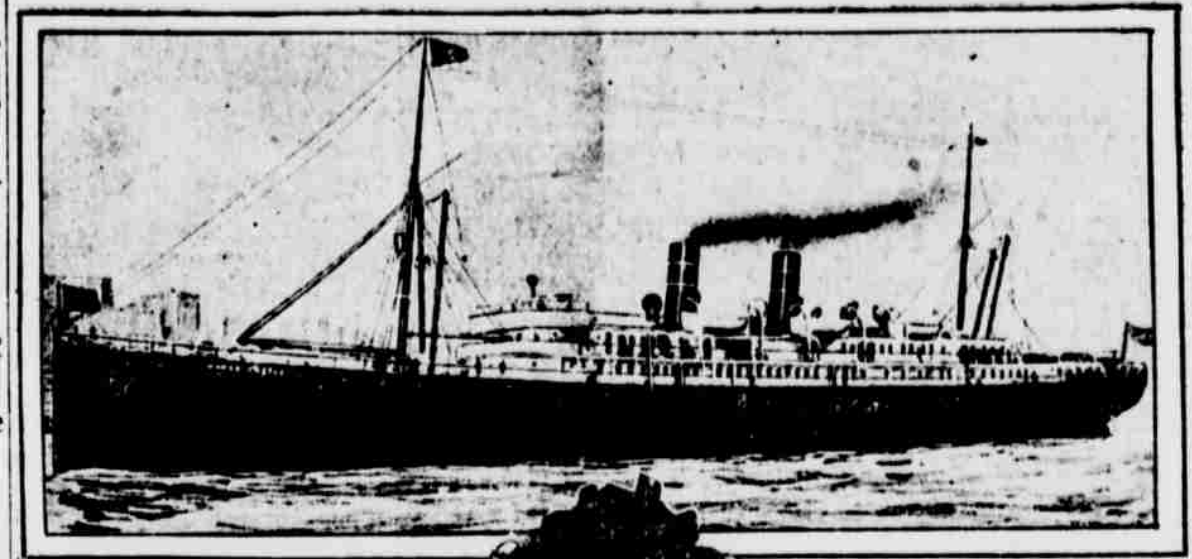
Mrs. Fisher was asleep when the fire started and did not awaken until the engines were in front of the house, which is just east of Broadway. Clouds of smoke were pouring up the front of the building from the basement. Mrs. Fisher threw open a front window, creating a draught which drew in quantities of the smoke.

Instead of trying to get out Mrs. Fisher started to dress and at the same time began to scratch some of her belongings in a haphazard way. Deputy Chief Lynch, who had seen her at the window, sent Fireman Turner up with orders to enter the apartment.

Turner had to break in the door. His entrance completed the hysteria of Mrs. Fisher and she started for the window. The fireman grabbed her just in time. She turned on him and scratched and bit and fought and screamed with all her might.

Turner, covered with blood from wounds on his face and hands, followed. The fire damage was confined to the first floor and the basement. Mrs. Fisher, when she recovered consciousness, insisted on being attended by her own doctor.

## Liner That Was Held Up by Mexico; Wife of American Envoy Aboard



THE MORRO CASTLE.

## CONGRESSMEN "CHIP IN" FOR MISS WILSON'S GIFT

### Each Member Gives \$5 to Buy Wedding Present for President's Daughter.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Congressmen in an informal meeting called to-day by Republican Leader Mann, selected Speaker Champ Clark as chairman of a committee to select a wedding gift for Miss Jessie Wilson.

"How much shall we chip in?" asked Mr. Mann. "Will five dollars a member be too high?"

"No, no," chorused Democrats, Republicans and Progressives as they handed in their money.

The membership of the House is 422. All contributing to the wedding gift fund would total \$2,110. What the gift will be has not been determined.

## CHIEF ANSWERS HENNESSY; M'CALL IS STILL SILENT

### Mayorality Candidate Even Refuses to Answer Charge That Plunkitt Got Money for Judicial Nomination.

Charles F. Murphy, "The Chief" of Tammany Hall, J. Seargent Cram, Public Service Commissioner, who is now listed with Norman E. Mack as a Murphy bagman; George Washington Plunkitt, the discoverer of "honest graft," all replied to-day to parts of the charges made last night by John A. Hennessy. Every one mentioned by Hennessy seemed anxious to talk—every one, except Edward E. McCall, who continued to dodge.

"Chief" Murphy, pursuing his new and hitherto untold policy of talking for publication, gave the longest interview of his life. He did this smilingly, complacently—just as if there never was a man named Hennessy.

NO ONE SAW MURPHY FOR SULZER.

"Mr. Murphy, how about the story published to the effect that on Sept. 10, on the eve of his impeachment, Gov. Sulzer came down to Mr. McCall's house in New York and begged him to see you and call off the proceedings against him?" was the first question popped at the "Chief."

"No one ever approached me," he replied suavely, "and asked me to stop the trial of Mr. Sulzer. If Mr. Sulzer asked Mr. McCall to aid him I received no knowledge of it."

"Did you ever hear that he made an effort to get such a word to you about Sept. 10?"

"No, I never heard of it."

"Mr. Hennessy has several notes in mind to which he has referred in his speeches—one for \$35,000. How about them?"

Mr. Murphy smiled broadly. "I never know anything about any notes," he disclaimed comprehensively. "If Mr. Hennessy has such notes or knows where they are it is his duty, I believe, to produce them."

MURPHY STILL COUNTING ON A M'CALL VICTORY.

The Chief was then asked what he thought of Tammany's chances in the election.

"I am very sanguine of a Democratic victory," was the way he dismissed this question.

"Sulzer says that you have made \$11,000,000 out of politics," one inter-



MRS. JOHN LIND

PHOTOGRAPH BY THE NEW YORK WORLD.

## LEVY IS LOSING HIS FIGHT FOR LIFE AGAINST POISON

### Doctors Say Man Who Took Mercury by Mistake Is Near to Death.

With death, in the opinion of his physicians, no longer days but only hours away, Isaac Levy, the aged clothing manufacturer, who took four bicentrols of mercury tablets early last Monday morning in mistake for aspirin, is still trusting that he is going to get well. In the Sunshine Sanatorium, in Crosey avenue, Bath Beach, whither Dr. Jacob Sarnoff of No. 183 Eighth-street rushed him Monday morning from the Levy residence at No. 133 Twenty-second avenue, the old man still smiles on his wife and children as they come in relays to visit him and bids them take courage.

"I am all right," he says. "I will get well, I shall not die."

And yet it is the shell of a man which lies on Mr. Levy's bed. His kidneys lost their functions yesterday. His gums have broken and his doctors fear that damage of the same sort has already been done to his internal organs. For complete loss of his system, the damage done to his system that even could the poison be halted now in its slow work of destruction Mr. Levy could not live. And yet he insists that he is going to get better.

Last night was a bad night for the victim, and only his tremendous nerve kept him alive. He was wrapped in blankets and made to perspire freely, but this treatment affords only temporary relief, and at best can only delay his end. He slept little, and a nurse remained at his bedside throughout the night.

For most of the night, too, his wife, his eldest son, Louis, and his daughter, Mrs. Isaac Goldman, were in the room. When he did not sleep the old man encouraged them with repeated assurances that he was going to get well, and their nerves were strained to the breaking point as they were compelled to smile and nod and agree with him that he was recovering. To all but Mr. Levy the desperateness of his condition was only too apparent.

In the Levy home, only a block away, the remainder of Mr. Levy's eleven children waited for the opportunity to see their father. When Mrs. Levy and the elder children left, the younger ones, one or two of them at a time, entered the sick room.

His family arranged not to leave Mr. Levy alone all day. They realized that the end probably would come before nightfall and they planned that at least one of them should be on hand each instant.

Hung Himself in Bed.

Max Regels, fifty-five years old, hanged himself and was found dead this morning in his room at No. 215 Grove street, Jersey City. Apparently he lay in the bed, and having fastened a rope to the bedpost, adjusted the noose about his neck. He then rolled off the bed and lay with his legs along the floor beside the bed, but with the weight of his body on the noose about his neck. He had been out of work.

MONEY SAYING BY THE NEW TAXPAYER.

Marshall, reported from New York, said that the new tax law is a disaster to the small and middle-class taxpayer.

## FACTORY EXPLOSION STARTS WILD PANIC; SOME MAY BE DEAD

### Fire Follows Blowup of Canal Street Building and Scores of Workers Have Narrow Escape From Death.

## MANY HURT IN FALLS, OTHERS BADLY BURNED

### Rescued Workers Fear Others in the Shop Were Cut Off When Fire Covered Stairway.

A terrific explosion that jarred buildings for half a mile in all directions started a fire in the shop of the Royal Machine Co., on the third floor of the loft building at No. 206 to 212 Canal street shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon. Within three minutes the whole Canal street front of the building above the third floor was ablaze and the fire had begun to eat into an L running around to No. 93 Mulberry street. Many workmen in the building were injured. Some jumped from the front fire escape landings on the second floor. Others fell. One boy leaped to the sidewalk with his clothing ablaze but escaped with nothing more serious than bad burns.

## THE SUFFRAGETTE, TAKEN ELSEWHERE, ESCAPES CENSOR

### Magistrate McAdoo Withholds Decision in Articles Complain of in Publication.

Magistrate McAdoo to-day, after looking over copies of The Suffragette, submitted to him by Sergeant Quinn and Detective Healy, investigating the publication under orders of Police Commissioner Waldo, issued the following statement:

"I have had submitted to me by the Police Commissioner two copies of a publication called The Suffragette, containing articles entitled 'Dangers of Marriage' and 'Plain Facts About a Great Evil.' These articles are apparently based on liberal quotations from writings of the late Dr. Morrow of this city, who was the head of a society devoted to discussion of sexual and social subjects and also from a book written by a New York woman and for sale in our stores.

The object of the articles appeared to be to have women refuse to enter into the marriage relation under present political and social conditions, and the arguments are based on statements and statistics which would probably be disputed by doctors and statisticians.

"As a Magistrate I am to say whether or not publication is obscene, and I do not feel that I am called upon to take action in the matter at this time for the reason that I have just received information that a complaint of the nature of this publication has been made by a woman who is a resident of this city.

Mr. Constock informs me that these engaged in distributing or selling the work have left the jurisdiction, taking with them the publication in question, and the District Attorney does not deem it his duty under these circumstances to request a warrant at this time. As the matter must go to him for final disposition, I have no desire to anticipate his action."

Because of the proximity of many turn-out factories and warehouses three alarms were turned in. The building in which the fire started was all ablaze when the firemen arrived, but it was stated that everybody had either escaped by the fire escapes or through the Mulberry street extension.

### WILD PANIC IN NEARBY TENEMENT HOUSES.

The explosion broke windows in tenement houses all around the factory building and three hundreds of women and children into a wild panic. In the tenement at No. 214 Canal street, next to the burning building, not only were windows broken but plaster was cracked from walls and furniture was overturned. The tenants fled to the street.

Loretta Lazzio, a bedridden woman, was left alone in her apartment on the third floor. Her screams attracted attention and she was carried to the street on a mattress by policemen.

The fire spread so rapidly that there was no chance for the sixty or more persons in the factory building to escape by way of the staircase or elevators. It was a case of rush to the fire escapes on the Canal street side or try to get out through the Mulberry street "L" extension. There was no ladder from the second floor fire escape landing to the street and the fugitives piled up there, some falling over the railing, others jumping to the sidewalk.

### FEARED SHOPMATES HAD BEEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Vincenzo Kargio, nineteen years old, of No. 27 Heister street, an employee of the Royal Machine Company, climbed down the fire escape with his clothing all ablaze, fell off the ladder between the third and second floor landings and tumbled to the sidewalk. He said that a sheet of flame swept through the factory after the explosion and he feared several of his shopmates had been overcome and burned to death.

Then Francis of No. 20 Bayard street, an employee of the Royal Manufacturing Co., climbed a fellow employee, Francis Hinch of No. 38 Vine street, climbed a flight of stairs on his back. At the top of the flight at the second floor Farrara stumbled and fell with his body on the ground floor where both men groped their way to the street. They said they thought everybody got out of the Royal Manufacturing Company.

WORKER IS CUT BY THE FLYING DEBRIS.

Joseph De Gaeta of No. 27 Kenmare street reached the sidewalk by way of the fire escape with most of the hair burned off his head. He thought that was his only injury until a policeman noticed that blood was streaming from